



2021 Founders' Award recipients (left to right) Dr Fritha Hanning, Ali'imua Sandra Alofiavae (Sandra Samau) MNZM and Catherine Bell (details on page 5)



EGGS OGA Centennial Scholarship 2021 - presented to Sophia Morgan at the Founders' Awards assembly in recognition of outstanding achievement in Sailing and selection to represent Fiji at the 2021 Olympics

EGGS attains ISO 50001 Certificate in Energy Management



On Thursday morning Epsom Girls Grammar School was presented with certification for the International Standards Association ISO 50001 standard in energy management. Apparently we are the first organisation in NZ to achieve this certification. Congratulations to the staff, students and Economech who have worked since 2019 on this joint project. The work will be ongoing, and will contribute to NZ's commitment to being carbon neutral by 2050.

"Epsom Girls Grammar School (EGGS) should be proud of their achievement in obtaining certification to ISO 50001 Energy Management. This certification is public acknowledgement of their dedication to the efficient and effective use of energy at the school, and demonstrates leadership put into practice.

The effective and efficient use of energy is incredibly important for the energy users and indeed our country. EGGS have set a great example; and to all those involved and to those associated with the school, congratulations", said Craig Muir, Business Manager, BSI New Zealand.

Dear parents, caregivers and students

We have had a week full of celebration with The Founders' Awards Assembly on Tuesday and the ISO standard Assembly yesterday, detailed on Page 1. Both occasions have been a wonderful opportunity to appreciate what can happen when people strive hard to make things happen for good in the world.

Coming up in Week 9....

- Tue 29 Jun Subject Teacher Conferences
- Thu 1 Jul Showquest Live Show, ASB Theatre
- Thu 1 Jul Brain Bee 2021
- Fri 2 Jul Matariki Hikoi and Hangi
- Sat 3 Jul Ultimate Senior Indoor Champs

Coming up in Week 10....

- Mon 5 Jul Student Council Mufti Day
- Thu 8 Jul Subject Teacher Conferences
- Thu 8 Jul Culinary Fare, Waikato

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SUBJECT TEACHER CONFERENCES

**Tuesday 29 June &
Thursday 8 July**

See Page 3 for details

The choirs performed at The Big Sing this week – what a privilege to hear them – congratulations to everyone involved on such professional performances.

Covid-19

- Public health information is readily available – please make sure that, in light of the Wellington region having moved to Alert Level 2 until at least 11.59pm on Sunday, that you stay in contact with the Dean if you are travelling to Wellington and have any concerns about whether a student is alright to come to school on returning from Wellington.
- As usual:
 - any student who is sick needs to stay at home until well enough to attend school
 - any student who is symptomatic needs remain at home and seek medical advice about whether they need to be tested
 - mask wearing is compulsory on public transport

We look forward to welcoming parents and students to the Subject Teacher Conferences on Tuesday 29 June and Thursday 8 July – bookings have been coming in at a fast rate.

Next Friday (2 July) is the annual Matariki hikoi – to climb Maungawhau before the dawn lights the sky – if you would like to join us please follow the link on Page 3.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound – Principal

School Board - Strategic Planning

The current Strategic Plan is for the period 2019-2021, and the Board is currently undertaking a process to formulate a 2022-2024 Strategic Plan.

An important part of this process is consultation with the school community.

On Thursday 1 July parents, students and groups associated with the School will receive an email with a link to a questionnaire. This questionnaire can be completed by an individual, or you may like to fill it in as a family. On Monday 5 July, senior students and on Tuesday 6 July junior students, will also have the opportunity to discuss and put forward a tutor group response in tutor time.

As part of the questionnaire you can also indicate if you would like to be part of a face to face focus group to be facilitated by a board member. The board really values your participation in this process and looks forward to your feedback.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Science Bowl

On Friday 18 June 16 students spent their evening competing in the Auckland Grammar Schools Science Bowl. Four teams, 2 junior and 2 senior, tested their knowledge (and speed on the buzzer) against students from other Grammar Schools to answer questions on Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths. The event was student-run and our teams were lead by Archi Patel, Chelly Lee, Arina Chaptynova and Phoebe Liu.. Two of our teams progressed to the semi-finals, but were then knocked out. Everyone had a fun and inspiring evening, and we are keen to participate again next year. Watch out MAGS! Huge thanks to Azura Iqbal for coordinating this event.



2021 SUBJECT TEACHER CONFERENCES AND MID YEAR REPORTS

Mid-year Subject Teacher Conferences for Years 9 – 13 are being held on Tuesday 29th June and Thursday 8th July. This is an ideal opportunity for students and parents to meet with subject teachers and discuss progress and achievement at this half-year point and to look ahead. You will have received an email on Friday 18th June with instructions on making bookings. Please note that **bookings close on Monday 28th June** at 12.00 noon. Reports for all year levels are now available on the web portal.



CELEBRATING MATARIKI

We are once again celebrating Matariki with an early morning hikoi up Maungwhau and a hāngi at lunchtime on Friday 2nd of July. See sign up links below and place your orders now. \$10 cash on the day for kai. We are still looking for parent helpers – see the link.

Matariki Hangi – [place orders here](#)

If you are able to assist please get in touch with Doug Rawiri or Angela Rauhihi imtohard2pls@gmail.com or dougawiri67@gmail.com

Matariki Hikoi – [sign up to participate here](#)

EPSOM MUSIC

Choral Showcase

On Friday 18th June in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre, Epsom's Choirs- Canto Vivo, Epsom Singers and Paradisum- performed their 3 song repertoires in preparation of the Big Sing choral competition taking place from the 23rd-25th June. We were joined by the two choirs from Auckland Grammar School who are also attending the Big Sing next week. The showcase was a great opportunity for us to perform before the choirs compete next Wednesday, and to show family, friends and other members of the community what we have been working on this year. The night ran very successfully and we were received well.

Mila Matthews - Choral Leader

String and Amplifiers Concert

The 'Strings and Amplifiers' concert was a great night. We had a very supportive audience cheering on our talented performers and had a lovely variety of original songs performed by the contestants from Rockquest. We are very proud of every performer and they should all be extremely proud of themselves!

Joanna Samson – Contemporary Leader



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CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

WILL THE GENDER PAY GAP AFFECT EGGS STUDENTS?



The World Economic Forum has reported that the gender pay gap will take over 250 years to close; so, yes, unfortunately, students here at EGGS will most likely have to endure salary inequity in their future working lives. Jo Cribb, former Chief Executive for the Ministry for Women says: "We don't want any of our daughters joining the workforce knowing they're going to earn 10 per cent less than our sons". Many of the solutions to this problem need to happen on a large scale such as companies sharing salary information, equal division of at-home labour, strengthening child-care provision

etc., but there are also things individuals can do to limit the risk of future pay inequity. As career educators we want to make sure that our students have crucial information about salary rates including salary negotiation skills and access to neutral sources of salary information. The more information you can gather, the more likely it is that you will be able to negotiate salary rates in an effective manner. Here are some resources you may want to refer to:

- an aspirational and fun little TikTok video on salary negotiation which includes a good script to modify. Although this video depicts a salary negotiation over email, it's best to have salary negotiation conversations on the phone or face to face: <https://bit.ly/3g2EKZc>
- NZ specific salary rate information. This information is gathered from Statistics NZ and other research sources: <https://www.careers.govt.nz/jobs-database/>
- salary information for popular job choices: <https://occupationoutlook.mbie.govt.nz/>
- most recruitment companies publish salary guides such as this one: <https://www.roberthalf.co.nz/research-insights/salary-guide>



SAVE THE DATE

28 JUNE **EMBRACING UNCERTAINTY**
EGGS DSO 11:30AM

29 JUNE **UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND
OPEN DAY ONLINE**
REGISTER: [OPENDAY.AC.NZ](https://openday.ac.nz)

JULY 5 **ACCOMMODATION**
EGGS DSO 11:30AM

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[WWW.THINKINGABOUTUNI.NZ](https://www.thinkingaboutuni.nz)

CONTACT US:

<https://eggscareereducation.simplybook.me>

OGA NEWS

Founders Awards Assembly 2021

This is one of the Old Girls events that we take so much pleasure in and it was a real honour to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our 2021 Founders Award recipients – especially given this is the OGA's Centenary year. Each year the Committee considers a number of nominations and suggestions that are put forward, from which we select our Founders. We are fortunate that a great number of high calibre women graduate from EGGs, which of course makes selection a difficult task.

The four EGGs Values – Community, Curiosity, Compassion and Courage – are woven through the lives of each EGGs Founder and we were thrilled this year to honour three women in diverse fields who stand out as leaders and motivators. They have contributed significantly at global, national and community levels and display commitment and integrity in every layer of their lives.

Our 2021 Founders Awards Recipients for outstanding achievement in their chosen fields are:

- **Ali'imauama Sandra Alofivae (Sandra Samau), MNZM – Law & Community Service**
- **Catherine Bell – Business/Community**
- **Dr Fritha Hanning – Medicine**

The Founders were introduced by three students who read their citations: Alice Raea for Sandra; Ella Freemon for Catherine; and Trenyce Fia for Fritha. Each Founders Award recipient addressed the students and was then presented with a medal, a certificate and flowers.

We also presented a special OGA Centennial Scholarship of \$2,000 to Sophia Morgan, a Year 13 student and a boarder at Epsom House, who has been selected to represent Fiji in Sailing at the Tokyo Olympics. Congratulations Sophia!

Alice Raea has been the Student Rep on the OGA Committee since 2017 and at the Assembly we surprised her by presenting her with a token of our appreciation for all that she does (an OGA silver charm). Alice contributes constructive suggestions and ideas and never hesitates to put her hand up to get involved, always with a cheery manner and lovely smile. Alice has a mature and enthusiastic approach to all she does and is a valued member of our committee.

The Assembly – which was livestreamed via YouTube for the first time – was followed by a morning tea in the staff room. Many thanks to Jaclyn Druitt and all the students involved in the organising of the event, and to Jo Page for designing the certificates and programme.

You can view the assembly via this link:

▶ [2021 Founders Assembly](#)

OGA AGM

This year we held our 100th AGM via Zoom, which enables Old Girls from outside Auckland to attend. In addition to our formal business, we welcomed two new Honorary Members of the OGA: Dawn Moffat and Lynley Roberts, both long-serving EGGs staff members. We also acknowledged Sophia Morgan's selection to represent Fiji at the Tokyo Olympics. Congratulations to all three. (We officially presented Lynley Roberts with her certificate and flowers at the Founders morning tea as we weren't able to do this via Zoom!)



Lynley Roberts (centre) with Sally Blyth and Lynley Sheweiry

Board Chair Chris Iles presented a verbal report from the Board which generated an informative Q&A session. We'd like to thank Chris for reviewing our accounts pro bono – this is a huge job that is undertaken by our Treasurer Julie Goodyer, assisted by Kirsty Cooper.

Despite holding only minimal events over the past year due to Covid, the OGA is in good heart and we are looking forward to finalising plans for our Centenary events (30th and 31st October 2021). A History book, written by former Archivist Christine Black, is in its final stages of editing and this will be a wonderful record of our Association through the years, to be published to coincide with our Centenary celebrations. Thanks to Christine for all the work she has done.

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry
OGA Co-Presidents, 2016-2021

Fencing

On Saturday 12th June, our school fencing club sent two teams off to the Fencing North Secondary Schools' Teams Competition. Our A team included the captain, Year 13 student Jenny Chen, Year 11 student Ruby Chan, and Year 10 student Lucy Hill. Our B team included Year 13 student Sammi Leung, Year 12 students Juno Parallag, Vivian To, and Year 9 student Jenny Hwang. Overall, both teams came back with amazing results with A team coming 3rd place in the girls teams, and B team coming 7th place. All girls trained super hard to achieve these outstanding results. A special Thank You to our coach, Laura Harvey, and our Teacher in Charge, Miss Murphy.



Underwater Hockey

Over the weekend EGGs had two Underwater Hockey teams competing in the Schools Regionals Competition. Not even two fire alarms and evacuations of the pool complex on Saturday evening, could stop the girls from achieving great results - The Junior A team placed first and the Junior B team placed 5th - This result qualifies the Junior A team for the nationals competition to be held in Winter Tournament Week at Baywave in Mt Maunganui and is a great result for the girls who have worked so hard. Congratulations to all that competed and especially to Georgia Haycock and Anjali Patel who were chosen as MVP's for their respective teams. Thanks also to the Coaches, Managers and to the very vocal parents and supporters and of course Sav from the Sports Office.





Gym Sports

Last Thursday we had students compete at the Auckland Secondary Schools Gym Sports Competition. We had a successful day with multiple placings in artistic gymnastics, tumbling and trampolining. Congratulations to all of the girls that placed. Also a big thank you to Miss Horler and Savannah for helping and supporting.

